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**Newark HUD Tenants' Coalition
Outreach & Training Project
Quarterly Report
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The following is a list of activities for the period from March 1995 to November 1995:

- 0100 * Outreached to resident leadership of Washington Dodd Apartments in Orange, and informed them of initial inspection. Participated in 2-day inspection and exit conference at the complex.
- 0200 * Meeting with Department of Community Affairs in Trenton on 55:16 projects, specifically questioning the role of the agency in maintaining use restrictions in these buildings.
- 0200 * Meetings with Legal Services of New Jersey in Edison, N.J. to discuss ways they could interface with tenants and other agencies to prevent displacement.
- 0300 * Frequent contact with the Tenant Preservation Project, and the Affordable Housing Network of N.J. We continue to coordinate our northern and southern New Jersey efforts. VISTA volunteers will be an integral part of this initiative.
- 0200 * Participated in national network calls, receiving update on changes at HUD and in the LIHPRA Program.
- 0200 * Attended the National Alliance of HUD Tenants Annual Conference in May. Workshops included state of Title II and Title VI, How To Start and Maintain a Tenant Organization, HOW to Negotiate with Management. Videotaped much of the Conference.
- 0200 * Meetings with HUD officials in Washington DC (Helen Dunlap) on proposed policy changes. Points of discussion included capigal grant program, demonstration mark-to-market plan, vouchers, Section 8 renewals, and rent increases.
- 0400 * Organized and videotaped series of HUD Tenants' Coalition sponsored training workshops at Seton Hall Law School on recertification, tenant rights, and court procedures. Tapes are being edited to use as training devices at HTC regular monthly meetings.
- 0400 * Panelist on the future of HUD and LIHPRA at Seton Hall Law School. Over one hundred participants in attendance, including Congressmen Donald Payne and Robert Menendez.
- 0100 * Continued outreach to buildings that are on the preservation list, such as Essex Plaza in Newark.
- 0200 * Participated in meetings with New Jersey Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency (HUD's statewide conduit in N.J.) concerning conditions and policies in building it monitors.
- 0300 * Reported developments in program at monthly HUD Tenant Coalition meetings.

- 0300 * Attended meetings of HTC buildings at request.
- 0300 * Assisted individual residents in HUD buildings with problem conditions.
- 0400 * Set up office space, computer, and telephone for this project.
- 0300 * Attended, photographed, organized Rally to protest cuts in HUD budget on Oct. 26, 1995 which was part of National Affordable Housing Month.
- 0500 * Helped organize, and took pictures at, Annual Tenant Rights Conference, held on Saturday, Oct. 28, 1995, at Seton Hall Law School Center for Social Justice.
- 0400 * Published information about LIHPHA in **Tenant Action News** newspaper.